GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3781
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WOMEN ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women engaged in agriculture and agri-related business activities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of women holding agricultural property in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a law empowering women to ownership of agricultural land, priority access to agri-credit and infrastructural support and technical knowledge to ensure dignity and economic development of women in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The number of total women workers (cultivators and agricultural labourers) engaged in agriculture and agri-related activities in the country as per 2001 population Census is 91,342,583. Data on agricultural property held by women are not available. State-wise figures are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

ANNEXURE

Annexure in support of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3781 part (a) & (b) for 10th September, 2007 on Women engaged in Agriculture by Shri K.S. Rao

The number of total women workers (cultivators and agricultural labourers) engaged in agriculture and agri-related activities in the country as per 2001 population Census

State/Uts	No. of women in agriculture
1. Andhra Pradesh	10036381
2. Arunachal Pradesh	151475
3. Assam	1527729
4. Bihar	6423849
5. Chandigarh	556
6. Chhattisgarh	3673453
7 Dadra & Nagar Haveli	30684
8. Daman & Diu	3002
9. Delhi	15140
10. Goa	44523
11. Gujarat	4547991
12. Haryana	1724155
13. Himachal Pradesh	1159071
14. Jammu & Kashmir	643061
15. Jharkhand	2850110
16. Karnataka	5657031
17. Kerala	664614
18. Madhya Pradesh	8037432
19. Maharashtra	11023807
20. Manipur	229125
21. Meghalaya	292798
22. Mizoram	139843
23. Nagaland	292840
24. Orissa	3311878
25. Pondicherry	31397
26. Punjab	687919
27. Rajasthan	7545727
28. Sikkim	69389

29. TamilNadu 6234820
30. Tripura 205830
31. Uttar Pradesh 9842987
32. Uttarakhand 954883
33. West Bengal 3281433
34. A& N Islands 7650

Total 9,13,42,583

Source: Census of India, 2001